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May Have to Limit Amount of Lithia

The citizens of Ashland have always had faith in the medicinal qualities of the famous lithia springs of this part of Oregon. Many of them can testify to having been greatly benefited in health by drinking these waters from time to time. Probably no one in Ashland has ever dreamed that the lithia water could produce effects such as more potent beverages of an alcoholic nature are supposed to have on the human system and that one glass of it would produce an exhilarating effect such as is described in the following letter, recently received by the publicity department. If lithia water will produce the same effect on others as it did upon the writer of the letter, Ashland will become doubly famous and ought to be the Mecca of all the thirsty souls of Oregon after January 1. Just as the Oregon prohibition law will place a limit on the amount of alcoholic beverages one may have shipped to him from the oasis to the south of us, so it may be necessary to limit the number of glasses one may drink from the pretty fountains in Lithia park if our lithia water has the "kick" in it that made this visitor to our city feel so fine. Certainly this newly discovered quality in our lithia water opens up great possibilities for Ashland as a resort city.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 24, 1915.
M. J. Duryea, Ashland, Ore.

Dear Sir: On a recent visit to Ashland I had the pleasure of drinking a glass of lithia water from the springs in your neighborhood, and I want to ask you if that water is sold in Portland and if so by whom, for I am going to have a case of it at my house. Ponce de Leon (spelling not guaranteed, but that gentleman who went to Florida a few years ago looking for the fountain of eternal youth) looked for it in the wrong section of the country. It is at Ashland, Ore. After drinking that water I went about my business and found I was feeling better every moment. I worked hard all evening and wondered at my rejuvenation. I stopped to think what I had done to raise my spirits and give me that kindly feeling toward all mankind, and finally figured it out. It was that lithia water. Our mutual friend, Phil S. Bates of Portland, and I, traveling together recently, were discussing Ashland, and he advised me that you would gladly give me any information desired as to this water. I have been coming to Ashland for years, and I never go there but what I am struck with the beauty of the place, its surroundings, and its people. I only regret that you are not alive to the immense possibilities that lay at your door. I know you are bringing that wonderful water into town, but you should, and some day you will, have a large, modern hotel up on the side hill somewhere where people can come and stay by the week or month and drink that water and spend their money with your merchants, and eat your fruit, and incidentally gain in health and praise God for the progressive people of Ashland who have made such things possible. I did not intend to write you at such length when I started out, but today is Thanksgiving, and we are thankful for the many blessings we who live in the good old U. S. A. can appreciate. We are thankful for so many things that we can not name them.

Thanking you in advance for your exlir of life, and where it can be obtained, I am,
Very respectfully yours,
WALTER E. BLISS.

Early Morning Fire in Bakery

An early morning fire last Friday did damage to the extent of about \$100 to the Fourth street bakery, operated by Joseph H. Rusk. The building is owned by P. Provost. Rusk was baking in the early morning hours and supposedly a defective flue caused flames to catch the roof of the addition to the shop proper and in which the baking is done. An alarm was turned in and the fire company made a fast run to Fourth street, but was unable to see the fire from the street and spent some time trying to locate it, Rusk being busy applying water to the fire. The blaze was extinguished with the chemicals. A high wind was blowing and the fire could easily have assumed dangerous proportions.

Minor Matters Occupy Council

The council met in adjourned meeting last Thursday evening to dispose of several matters which could not wait over until the next regular meeting.

S. F. Starr petitioned the council to change the peddler's ordinance so as to allow a citizen to take orders and sell produce not raised by himself. As in Mr. Starr's case, many peddlers of produce raise some and buy some from others to sell. No action was taken upon the communication.

A bill for wood delivered to an indigent by a wood dealer, without authority from the proper committee, was laid on the table indefinitely.

The committee appointed to investigate the proposals made by Mr. Gunter of North Main street reported that they did not believe it advisable to accept the offers. The report was approved and filed. Mr. Gunter wished the city to take over lots on North Main which are heavily burdened by pavement assessments and other taxes and pay him \$150. Another proposition which he made included the city's taking over a portion.

Two requisitions for material from the electric light department were granted. The cost of the material aggregated \$208. This, the superintendent informed the council, was all that was required at present. Most of the material will be used in rearranging the system to incorporate the wholesale purchase of current when needed.

The resolution calling the election for December 21 was read and passed. The council will meet in regular session tomorrow night.

Former Resident Died at Sheridan

William Armitage, a former Ashland resident and well known in this city, died in Sheridan, Ore., on November 28. The following obituary is from the Sheridan Sun:

"William Armitage was born in Ashland county, Ohio, April 29, 1847, and died in Sheridan, Ore., November 28, 1915, aged 68 years, 7 months and 19 days.

"At an early age his father moved to Erie county, Ohio, where William grew to young manhood. Here he was married to Harriet Jane McDowell on December 20, 1869. In 1880 they came west to Colorado, and after a short stay continued their westward journey to San Jose, Cal. In 1881 they came to Sheridan, Ore., and settled down on a ranch three and one-half miles south of Sheridan. After a residence of four years here they went to Ashland, Ore. Here his wife died in 1890.

"In 1893 he was married to Mrs. Alice Walker of Ashland, Ore. To this union was born one son, James W. Armitage, who is now employed by the Southern Pacific Railway Company at Tillamook, Ore.

"In 1899 they moved to the old home south of Sheridan, where they continued to live until 1910, when, on account of failing health, Mr. Armitage was compelled to give up farm work and they moved to Sheridan to live.

"Mr. Armitage leaves to mourn his departure his wife and son, and three step-children and their families, two sisters living in Erie county, Ohio, Mrs. Grinnold, a sister-in-law, living in Seattle, and a large circle of friends.

"Funeral services were held at the Methodist Episcopal church of Sheridan, Ore., at 1 o'clock November 30, and interment in the Masonic cemetery."

Airgun Proves Dangerous Weapon

Artrell Swingle, little son of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Swingle, was shot in the eye with an airgun in the hands of a little playmate last Saturday. No serious results are anticipated. An x-ray examination was made and the shot could not be located and the belief is that the B.B. shot bounced out. The little lad's eyesight was thought to be endangered at first. He was playing with a crowd of neighborhood children when the accident occurred.

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Ashland Has Small Amount of Delinquent Taxes of Any Kind

Ashland may well challenge any city of Oregon to show a proportion of delinquent taxes smaller than her's. For 1913 all but \$538 of the general taxes were paid up. For 1914, the taxes which were collected in 1915, all but \$2,009 were paid up. The delinquent sewer tax in 1914 was

but \$4,400. These figures as prepared by Recorder Gillette show Ashland to be on a sound basis, as the proportion of delinquent taxes is very small when compared to the total general tax, which was in the neighborhood of \$45,000. Ashland, on the whole, is in a very sound financial condition.

Arrested Here for Medford Forgeries

A man giving the name of E. H. Kuhlman, manager of the Oregon Cover Crop Company, was arrested in Ashland Friday for attempting to pass several forged checks on business men in Medford. Kuhlman registered at the Holland Hotel in Medford and attempted to pass a check for \$10.30, but being refused went to the Nash, where he was also unsuccessful. He succeeded, however, with two Medford business men whose names were not made public. The police were quickly put on the trail and he was apprehended in Ashland. A woman registered at the Nash as Mrs. B. F. Hughes claimed to be the wife of Kuhlman and broke down completely when informed of the young man's arrest.

"Twin Beds" Hailed As Funniest Show

The great Broadway comedy success, "Twin Beds," promises to attract a capacity house at the Vining Theatre for Wednesday of this week. The curtain will rise at 8:15 on the first big New York road show of this season and on the biggest comedy success which has played New York in the past several years. "Twin Beds" ran for fifty-two weeks in New York last season. It is a distinctively American comedy, full of the funniest kind of fun, and guaranteed to drive away the worst case of blues that ever made the pessimist see the hole in the doughnut. "Twin Beds" comes with an all-star cast and a guarantee to send the audience home three years younger than they came. At Portland, where the show has been playing at the Heilig, no play has been so well received in years. In a letter received from Mrs. Bergner at Portland by Manager Bergner, she states that she had seen "Twin Beds" and that it was absolutely the funniest play she had ever seen. Mrs. Bergner did not know that the show was billed for Ashland. Prices for the comedy range from 50 cents to \$1.50.

Old Soldier Answers Call

John W. Hicks died at his residence on East Main street Sunday, December 5, at 3 p. m. The deceased was aged 68 years, ten months and two days. The death was due to heart trouble. Mr. Hicks is a member of the G. A. R. and has many friends in the city. The funeral will be held from the residence Tuesday, December 7, at 1:30. Burial Post No. 23, G. A. R., will hold services at the grave.

Loses Arm in Jump From Moving Train

John Osgood, a laboring man bound from McCloud to Roseburg, suffered the loss of his left hand and arm when he dismounted from train No. 16 in the local yards Friday evening before it had stopped and fell beneath the wheels. The train was slowing down when Osgood, who apparently thought it had stopped, jumped from the steps and fell backwards, turning a complete somersault and landing with one arm across the rail. The wheels passed over the arm above the hand. First aid was applied at the station and the man rushed to the Sanitarium, where the arm was amputated above the elbow.

According to the statement which Osgood made, he had been drinking, and took all the blame for the accident upon himself.

Oxfords Delight Music Lovers

The Oxford company, the second of the series of entertainments arranged by the Ministerial Association lyceum course, delighted an audience that packed the Methodist church Saturday night. When the course has been completed it is a certainty that the Oxfords will be voted among the best of the series.

The program Saturday night was a varied one. The first number, Carmen, a waltz song by Wilson, was particularly brilliant. This was followed by a lullaby in which the brilliant blending of voices was noticeable.

Stella Sebastian Ogden, a soprano of great gift, sang well in the Italian Street Song, accompanied by a other members of the company. The third number, a group of English nursery rhymes by Walford Doris, sung by the quartet, was particularly pleasing.

The second part of the program consisted of the leading roles from the comic opera "The Mikado," in costume. Especially brilliant was the work of Harry Allen Leiter as Ko Ko, Lord High Executioner, who was in love with Yum Yum, though all members of the company performed their parts with skill that leaves them remembered by Ashland people as artists of the first class. The original "Mikado" consists of nine parts, but the opera has been specially arranged by Mr. Ogden for four voices.

Holmes Bros. have a new shipment of star cut glassware. Come quick while the assortment is complete. It is going fast. 1t

Something different at Studio Ashland. 1t

Johnson the jeweler for fine watch work. 97-1f

Commercial Club Will Meet Tonight

Commercial Club meets tonight at 8 o'clock. There is always something good at these meetings and all are urged to be present. The citizens of Ashland should take an interest in the work the Commercial Club is doing. They should not only contribute so much in money per month or year to this work, but they should give that which is just as valuable, their thought, counsel and co-operation. The Commercial Club needs men with civic pride and a tendency to look in the future, instead of so much in the past, and above all we want to get together on the proposition which is before us, that of Making Ashland the greatest health resort in the world. Pulling in many directions at the same time must only result in standing still or going backwards. Progress can only be accomplished by the heartiest co-operation on the part of every one. The Commercial Club is asking you to help if you believe that Ashland is worthy of the effort it is going to take to put her to the top, and you should come out to the meeting tonight and do your part. If you are a member of the club you have a voice in every matter that comes before it. If you are not a member of the club you ought to be or keep out of the way of the wheels of progress. The Commercial Club feels that there are enough public-spirited men in town to keep them moving at a very rapid pace, and those not in the harness may get run down.

A heavy shipment of the latest photographic mountings from the shop upon which Studio Ashland was depending for an extra classy line for this year's holiday trade, has been held up in the Panama canal by the slide and are just beginning to arrive. 1t

Theda Bara at the Lyric Thursday

The most wonderful cast ever assembled for a picture appears in Tolstol's modern dramatic masterpiece, "Kreutzer Sonata," to be shown at the Lyric Thursday and Friday. Nance O'Neil, the young American emotional actress, whose art is known on all four continents, Theda Bara, leading woman of the famed Theatre Antoine, Paris, adds another "vampire woman" to the part enacted in "The Fool There Was." William E. Shay, star of a dozen big productions and formerly leading man for Robert E. Mantell, in fact every prominent role in the long list of characters, is filled by a Broadway star.

The screen production of "The Kreutzer Sonata" is a greater success than "The Fool There Was" and so far the masterpiece of Herbert Brenon, who produced "Neptune's Daughter."

A great many Ashland picture fans missed seeing Nat Goodwin, America's foremost actor, last night in one of his greatest successes, "Business is Business." It will be repeated tonight, and if you enjoy the unusual in a Masterpicture, don't miss seeing it.

Condition of M. G. Lawrence Critical

The condition of M. G. Lawrence, who suffered a stroke of paralysis last Tuesday, is reported to be about the same. Mr. Lawrence rallies from a state of coma only at intervals. One side is entirely paralyzed. His two half brothers, the Messrs. Moon of Chicago, arrived this noon and are at his bedside.

No More Vote On Local Option

The citizens of Ashland will not be required to vote on the wet or dry proposition for the first time at the coming election. The state prohibition law which goes into effect the first of January has done away with one of the propositions which has required the yes or no of the Ashland voter for many years.

Notice
The president of the Relief Corps urgently requests the members to be present at the burial of Comrade Hicks. 1t

Four Councilmen To Be Elected

The call for the city election is published elsewhere in this issue. Four councilmen, one park commissioner and one springs commissioner are to be elected. The term of Louis Werth in the First ward expires, Councilman Cunningham's term in the second runs out, and two councilmen are to be elected from the Third, one to succeed J. B. Ware and one to fill out the remaining year of the unexpired term of A. J. Biegel, deceased.

It is not yet known whether J. B. Ware, the retiring councilman from the Third, can be prevailed upon to have his name placed upon the list of eligibles. The business men of that ward who have followed the work of the council closely during the past year recognize in Mr. Ware one of the best and most indefatigable workers for the welfare of the city who has ever given his time to city affairs. Mr. Ware is not anxious to return to the grind of city work, but unless we miss our guess, is too public spirited to refuse should it be asked of him. Messrs. Doran and Carpenter, from the Third, have filed their names and each has a goodly number of supporters. Other candidates will probably come to light at the meeting of Third ward voters to be held Wednesday night at the city hall.

Councilman Cunningham of the Second ward has not been in the best of health during the past year and several times was at the point of resigning for that reason, but managed to stick it out. It is not thought likely that he will consider being a candidate for re-election. Several prominent business men from the Second ward have been mentioned as possibilities, among them being M. C. Reed, E. E. Phipps, W. M. Barber and several others. Any of these gentlemen who would be willing to assume the cares and take the criticism which is the lot of a councilman, would make good. It is not yet known whether Mr. Werth will run to succeed himself in the First ward. It is understood that C. W. Banta and J. R. Maxedon may become candidates and the many friends of W. H. McNair hope to persuade him to become a candidate.

No candidates have yet come forward to take the place of one retiring member on the park board and one on the springs commission. Mr. Dodge retires from the springs commission and Mrs. C. H. Vaupel from the park board.

Anticipate Lively Council Meeting

An enlivening session of the city council is looked forward to for tomorrow evening. The resolution asking the council to place the matter of putting the supervision of Lithia park into the hands of the springs commission before the people, and the petition of the park board for a statement as to whether they take control of the park, will come up for final action, and some lively discussion is anticipated. The report of the committee which investigated the paving equalization proposition will be made in full. Several other matters of interest to the citizens generally are due for discussion. With the approach of election the citizens generally are taking a growing interest in city affairs, and the biggest crowd which has attended a council meeting for many months will be on hand to watch and hear proceedings tomorrow night. Council convenes at 7 o'clock.

Slide Delays Many Trains

A large slide which occurred at the mouth of tunnel No. 9, fourteen miles south of Dunsmuir, Thursday afternoon, delayed all trains for almost a day. The first train which arrived from the south on the day following the slide was No. 12, which got in early Friday evening and was followed in the next few hours by trains 16 and 14. A stub train was run from here to Roseburg Friday morning.

Notice
The Fourth street bakery, which has been undergoing repairs, will be re-opened for business Wednesday, December 8. The patronage of the public is solicited. 1t

Phone news items to the Tidings.